

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete pages 26-27 of the specification.

Please add the following after the title on page 1 of the specification:

This application is a continuation of PCT application PCT/US00/28624, filed October 16, 2000, which claims benefit of US Provisional Patent Application 60/159,885, filed October 18, 1999.

Please amend the second paragraph on page 6 as follows:

The user interface panel 110, placed in registry with a silk-screened portion of a ceramic glass panel 109, preferably further includes one or more visual indicator(s) 116, such as seven-segment LED displays, discrete LED displays, bar-graph LED displays, LCD displays, and vacuum fluorescent displays, for displaying information 120 concerning the status of the cooktop to the user; an audible annunciator 125 such as an external drive or built-in drive piezo-acoustic element, magnetic transducer or Mylar (a polyester film available from Dupont Teijin Films, Hopewell VA) speaker, used to provide audible indication 124 that a touch key is selected and also to provide for an audible alarm whenever a system error is detected; and an array of capacitance sensitive keypads 115, each one having a capacitive field 119, produced, detected and analyzed by a capacitive-keyboard decoding interface module 102, and capable of electrically reacting to a human hand or finger 121, placed in proximity with any one capacitive field 119 associated with one of the capacitance sensitive keypads 115.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) A cooktop, comprising one or more gas burners, one or more gas valves, each of said valves being connected to control gas flow to one of said gas burners, a user-interface-for-user-entry-of-burner-heating-level-for-each-of-said-one-or-more-gas burners, a controller operative to control each of said one or more gas valves in accordance with-said user entry entered for the corresponding one of said one or